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House Bill _____
By _____

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A RESOLUTION to honor Eleanor Drake Mitchell on her
retirement from the Putnam County Board of
Education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who, in
their years of work, have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion;
and

WHEREAS, Eleanor Drake Mitchell is one such outstanding person who has served with
alacrity and acuity for 14 1/2 years with the Putnam County Board of Education, serving as chair
for one year; and

WHEREAS, she exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great
Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, one of Tennessee's most respected educators, Mrs. Mitchell is a graduate
of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, where she received her B.S., University of Tennessee,
where she received her M.A., and the University of Maryland, where she received her Ph.D.;
and

WHEREAS, for many years, Eleanor Drake Mitchell has been a prominent and highly
influential figure in the educational and civic life of Putnam County and the state of Tennessee

and has served the people in numerous capacities; she has always worked diligently at her duties and worked well with others; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell is an active and vital part of the community and her profession, participating in numerous organizations, including the College English Association, Tennessee Education Association, National Education Association, Tennessee Philological Association, South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Tennessee College English Association, Delta Kappa Gamma (honorary women teachers' society), Phi Kappa Phi (honor society), Phi Delta Kappa (honor education society), Tennessee State School Boards Association, and the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts; and

WHEREAS, for her outstanding achievements in the area of education, Mrs. Mitchell has received several awards and honors, including: nomination for Outstanding Faculty Award, TTU, 1973, 1978, 1981, 1983, 1987; selected as Outstanding Faculty, TTU, 1988; Boardmanship Award of Merit, Statewide, TSBA, 1983; Phi Kappa Phi (scholastic); Delta Kappa Gamma (honorary women teachers' society); Phi Delta Kappa (honor education society); first to be chosen as Woman of the Year by Business Professional Women's Club, Putnam County, Tennessee, 1988; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding and prolific writer, Mrs. Mitchell has penned several published and unpublished books, documents and papers; and

WHEREAS, she has served as an unofficial ambassador traveling to other countries, including England, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Hawaii, Russia, Yugoslavia, Romania, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama, Mexico (12 trips), Hungary, Turkey, Switzerland, Belgium, Austria, Germany, Holland, Jamaica, Belize, Liechtenstein, Italy, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Japan, Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and China. She traveled the Orient Express from Budapest, Hungary to Istanbul, Turkey, in the summer of 1987; she has also made ten cross-country trips via automobile from Tennessee to California, and one trip followed the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition; and

WHEREAS, she enjoys the love and support she receives from her wonderful husband, Dick Mitchell, her two children, R. Laken Mitchell and Suzanna Mitchell Man, and her four beautiful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mitchell will relinquish the mantle of her most important position with the Putnam County Board of Education to take a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to pause in our deliberations to honor Mrs. Mitchell for her exemplary work and great leadership; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Eleanor Drake Mitchell on her many years of superlative service on the Putnam County Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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